

# Sharing in God's Purpose Together

*1 Timothy 3:14-15*

## Two aspects of our spiritual family life unique to us as God's people:

1. The **conduct** of our family life
2. The **character** of our family life

The first feature we share in as **members of God's household concerns...**

## I. Our Shared **Conduct**

*“I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God.” (1 Timothy 3:15)*

Literally the clause reads:

*“in order that **you may know** how it is **necessary** in God's house to live.”*

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How you live your life and how you relate to this church family day-to-day personally impacts each person here at Grace Church Williamsburg.

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**What** we do and **how** we live out our faith is based on **who** we are **together**; we are **God's** family and so we are **members** of one another.



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*“Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil but use it as **bondslaves of God.**” (1 Pet. 2:16)*

*“For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love **serve one another.**” (Gal. 5:13)*

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The value you place on serving as a member of **this local church family** reflects the value you place on serving **Jesus Christ**.

This spiritual kinship means we are all members of one **Spirit**, one **body**, one **family**, one **mission**, one **mind**, one **hope**, and one **faith**, serving "*one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.*" (Eph. 4:4-6)

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Paul emphasizes the relationship between **who** we are and **what** we do.

Notice his three descriptions of us as God's family in verse 15:

1. We are the "**household**" of God.
2. We are the "**church**" of the living God.
3. We are the "**pillar and ground**" of the truth



## II. Our Shared **Character**

1. We are the “**household**” of God.

- God Himself **made** you a part of His family (Eph. 1:3-5)
- God Himself **keeps** you in His family (Eph. 1:13-14)
- God Himself **grows** you in His family (Eph. 3:14-19)

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“The expression here emphasizes the church as a dynamic body, an entity alive with the presence of God.”  
*(John Kitchen)*

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God's truth in Scripture "is the sacred, saving treasure given to sinners for their forgiveness, and to believers for their sanctification and edification, that they might live for the glory of God. The church has the **stewardship of Scripture**, the duty to guard it as the most precious possession on earth. Churches that tamper with, misrepresent, depreciate, relegate to secondary place, or abandon biblical truth destroy their only reason for existing and experience impotence and judgment." *(John MacArthur)*



## II. Our Shared **Character**

**What?** *“proclaim”* = speak, preach, tell, testify

**Who?** *“Him”* = Jesus Christ

**How?** *“admonishing”* = warning

*“teaching...with all wisdom”* = systematic instruction in obeying God's Word

**Why?** *“complete in Christ”* = every person in our church family presented to Jesus as full, mature, grown up in Christlike character and conduct.



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